

# CROW'S NEST



Stephen Decatur Rohde describes the rate on the left as follows : Gold anchors and gold chevrons, and M.M.A.

Issue #5 also had the M.M.A. rate on it and it had a silver eagle and silver (P02). Its also from S.D. Rohde.

This issue is special in that it has pages and pages of insignia from encyclopedias I'd saved in an album for ten years. I searched thrift stores in both Orange County, and in Los Angeles County.

Suspicious clerks had often asked me why it was that I only would certain volumes; they thumb through them to "discover" if perhaps they were selling the dusty tomes too cheap and ask for more, but as the word: "INSERT" precedes "INSERTIA", they'd usually keep a price the same as the people who populate a second-hand bookstore seem to believe those who collect insignia are loaded with money and desperate to give it away in a panic to have such-and-such!!!



## ENCYCLOPEDIA INSIGNIA :

Who hasn't gone through a private or non-profit thrift store or second-hand bookstore and sought out books on military uniforms and insignia or through an encyclopedia and looked up: Air Force; Army; Badges; Coast Guard; Decorations; Flags; Heraldry; INSIGNIA; Marine Corps; Medals; Navy; Orders; or UNIFORMS and got upset whenever we forget to check one of those categories and feel like kicking ourselves afterwards when we are half-way home we suddenly remember? Or worse, we should have bought the darned book and we get back and they're closed or the book was sold or misplaced when a bored customer saw us looking at it and worse, is a collector as well and will not part it or will sell at a substantial profit just to help you out! Am I right or not? Inside these covers are those that I "did" buy and want to share with you, but I can only warn you ... make yourself a photocopy of this newsletter before you show it to another collector, else he or she might "forget" to give it back to you or will make a heartfelt plea for a copy and cause you to make an unnecessary trip to the copy, and you'll forget your original copy and find someone else "found" it first and left! If you have a page from your encyclopedia on insignia, send us a copy to publish....

### NAVY INSIGNIA OF RANK



### SPECIALTY MARKS



### U. S. NAVY INSIGNIA



# ARMY AND NAVY DURING THE WORLD WAR



was worn in place of the "branch of service" insignia. The American naval officer's rank was designated by gold stripes on his sleeve, or by insignia on the shoulder loops of his overcoat. Beginning with the Ensign's half-inch sleeve stripe, each additional half stripe meant one grade higher. There was no half stripe between Commander and Captain, however. The two-inch stripe was worn only by Admirals, and here full or double stripes marked each advance in rank. The star designated a line officer. The grade above Captain is shown by stars and anchors instead of stripes on the shoulder loops. Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers wore a narrow stripe and ranked below commissioned officers but above Chief Petty Officers. The Chief Petty Officer wore his rate badge of red and silver on his upper sleeve, as did all Petty Officers. The insignia shown at the upper right hand were part of the rate badge and indicated the branch of service. These branches marked with a star also had the Warrant grades.





Chief Petty Officer's Cap



Chief Petty Officer's Blue Coat



Rating Badge for Chief Petty Officer (Damage Controlman)



Chief Petty Officer



Petty Officer 1st Class



Petty Officer 2nd Class



Petty Officer 3rd Class



Seaman 1st Class  
Fireman 1st Class  
Airmen 1st Class



Seaman 2nd Class  
Fireman 2nd Class  
Airmen 2nd Class



Apprentice Seaman  
Fireman 3rd Class  
Airmen 3rd Class



1st Class (Yeoman)



2nd Class (Quartermaster)



3rd Class (Messman)

Rating Badges for Petty Officers



Blue Cap and White Hat



Blue Dress Jumper

Scamers, Hospitalmen, Dentalmen, and Stewards wear white stripes on blue uniforms, blue on white uniforms.

Firemen wear red stripes on all uniforms. Airmen wear emerald green stripes on all uniforms.

### DISTINGUISHING MARKS worn on upper right sleeve



Gun Pointer First Class



Seaman Gunner



Master Horizontal Bomber



Master Diver



Gun Range Finder Operator



Aircraft Machine Gunner First Class



Gun Captain



Airliner



Aviation Utility

Blue Undress Jumper

### DISTINGUISHING MARKS worn on left breast



Submarine Service



Submarine Combat Patrol



Balloon Pilot



Parachutist



Naval Aviation Pilot



Combat Air Crew

### SPECIALTY MARKS worn on upper left sleeve



Fire Controlman



Parachute Rigger



Sonarman



Torpedoman's Mate



Redman



Aviation Ordnanceman



Aviation Machinist's Mate



Mechanic's Mate



Printer



Bushman's Mate



Aerographer's Mate



Aviation Boatswain's Mate



Fire Control Technician



Radioman



Personnel Man



Engineer



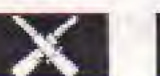
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Commissaryman



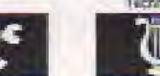
Stoker



Gunner's Mate



Hospital Corpsman



Underwater Mechanic



Radioteletype Operator



Steward



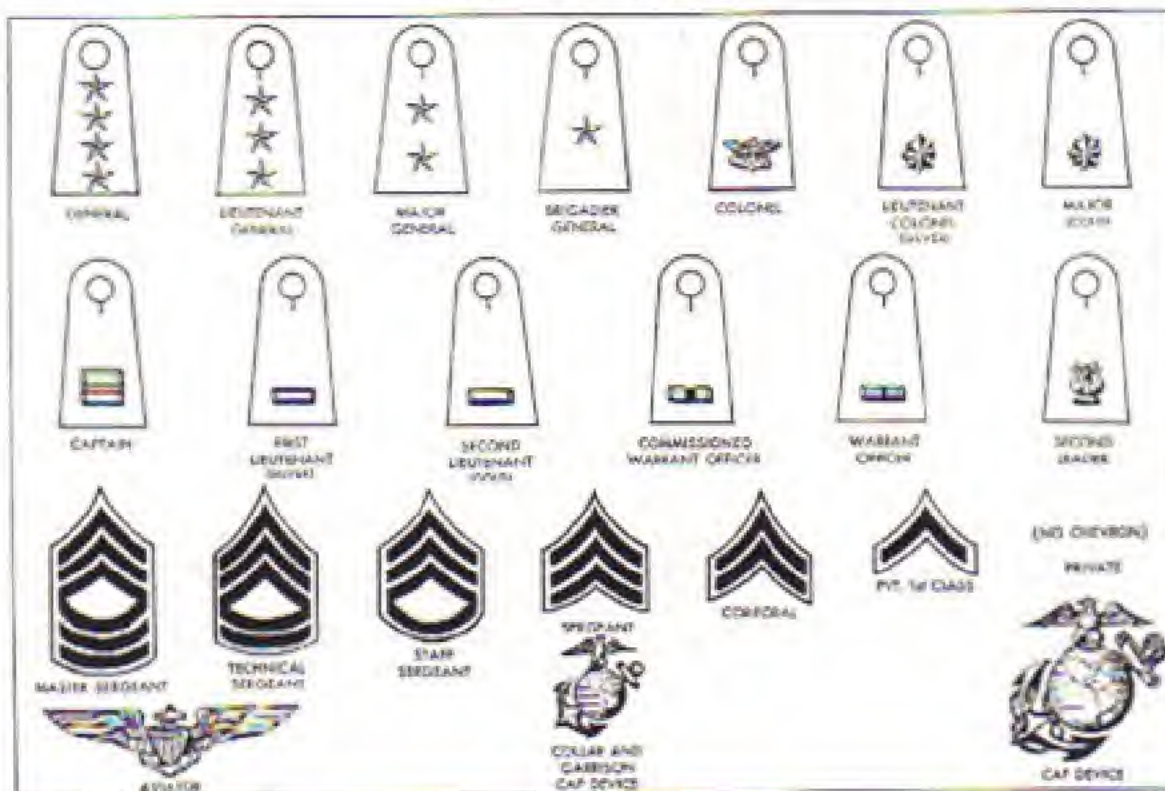
Metalsmith





INSIGNIA OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY tell the rank and something of the wearer's duties.

# United States Marine Corps Insignia.





# RANK INSIGNIA IN CANADA'S ARMED FORCES SINCE 1968



## PRIOR TO 1968

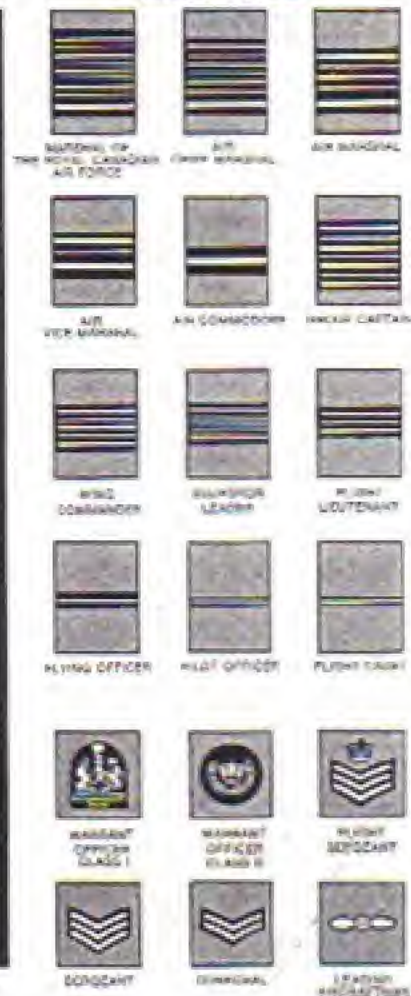
### NAVY



### ARMY



### AIR FORCE





# ENLISTED MEN SLEEVE INSIGNIA RIGHT SLEEVE, OR SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Navy, U.S. 125



## LEFT SLEEVE, OR GENERAL RATINGS



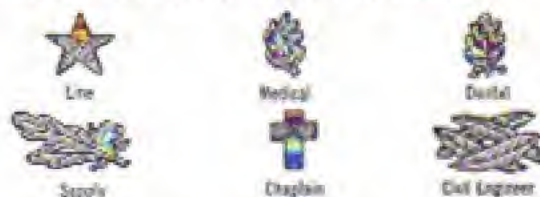


# UNIFORMS, INSIGNIA, AND AWARDS

## SHOULDER MARKS FOR COMMISSIONED AND WARRANT OFFICERS



## OFFICERS' CORPS DISTINGUISHING INSIGNIA



## SLEEVE STRIPES FOR COMMISSIONED AND WARRANT OFFICERS



## AWARDS OF HONOR AND MERIT



Officers' White Dress and Blue Service Coats

The braid (epaulettes) on the white dress coat is worn by an aide or naval attaché.

## Insignia Worn above the Left Breast Pocket





# MARKS OF RANK AND SERVICE—U. S. NAVY

## COMMISSIONED OFFICERS—RANK AND CORPS



## WARRANT OFFICERS—RANK AND SPECIALTY



## ENLISTED MEN—RATING AND SPECIALTY



These insignia are shown as they appear on a blue uniform. Commissioned and warrant officers have gold-embroidered insignia; the insignia for enlisted men are white on red. An officer's rank is shown by the number and size of stripes; the star indicates a line officer (gunnery, navigation, or other combat duty). Officers of other corps wear their device in place of the star. Seamen or firemen who do not have a rating and specialty wear a white or red tape around the shoulder.



# Enlisted Men's Specialty Marks

Indicates duties and rating

(Worn on left sleeve)

Administrative and Clerical					
	Business (BM)	Communications Technician (CT)	Trainer (TR)	Personal Mail (PM)	Inspector (IM)
					
	Postal Clerk (PC)	Machine Roomer (MR)	Stockroom (SR)	Inventory Clerk (IC)	Communications (CS)
Electronics			Precision Equipment		
	Electronics Technician (ET)	Radio System Technician (RT)		Armorer (AR)	Optician (OP)
Deck					
	Steward's Mate (SM)	Quartermaster (QM)	Seaman (SD)	Seaman (SD)	Sprinkler (SR)
Engineering and Hull					
	Nuclear's Mate (NM)	Engineer (EN)	Workshop Foreman (WF)	Electrician (ET)	Shipyard (SF)
					
	Water (WL)	Electrician's Mate (EM)	I.E. Electrician (IE)	Garage Foreman (GF)	Shipyard (SF)
Medical		Dental		Steward	
	Hospital Carpenter (HC)		Dental Technician (DT)		Steward (SD)
Aviation					
	Aviation Maintenance (AM)	Air Technician (AT)	Aviation Fire Control Technician (AFCT)	Aviation Electronics Technician (AET)	Aviation Structural Mechanic (ASM)
					
	Aviation Electronics Mate (AM)	Training Technician (TT)	Photographer's Mate (PM)	Aviation's Mate (AM)	Aviation Electronics (AE)
					
	Aviation Electronics (AE)	Aviation Support Equipment Technician (AST)	Aviation Electronics Warfare Technician (AWT)	Photographic Antenna Mate (PAM)	Parachute Rigging (PR)
Ordnance					
	Torpedo's Mate (TM)	Gun's Mate (GM)	Fire Control Technician (FT)	Warrior (WR)	Woods Technician (WT)
Construction					
	Engineering Air (EA)	Woods (WR)	Electrician (ET)	Electrician (ET)	Utilities Mate (UT)
Miscellaneous					
	Lithographer (LT)	Shipyard Foreman (SF)	Musician (MS)	Equipment Operator (EO)	Construction Mechanic (CM)



# INSIGNIA OF THE U. S. MARINES

## Commissioned Officers



General



Lieutenant General



Major General



Brigadier General



Colonel



Captain



First Lieutenant (Silver)



Second Lieutenant (Gold)



Lieutenant Colonel (Silver)



Major (Gold)

## Warrant Officers



Commissioned Warrant Officer W-2

W-2

W-3

W-4



Warrant Officer W-1

W-1

## Enlisted Personnel



Sergeant Major



Master Gunnery Sergeant



First Sergeant



Master Sergeant



Gunnery Sergeant



Staff Sergeant



Sergeant



Corporal



Lance Corporal

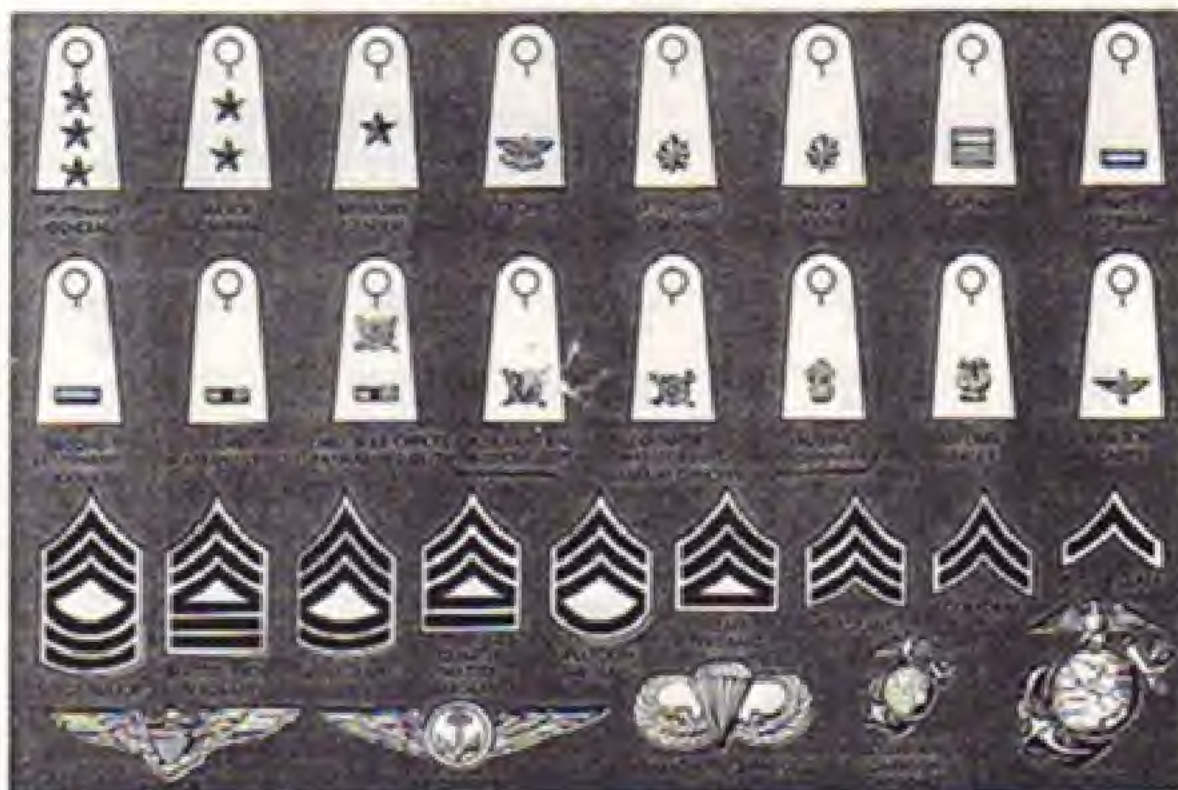


Private First Class

Private



United States Marine Corps Insignia.



In the top three rows are shoulder marks, sleeve stripes, and distinguishing devices of the U.S. Navy. In the last row Navy bibles are shown.





## OFFICERS

Basic colors of uniforms: Army—summer, khaki; winter, Army Green; dress, blue. Navy—summer, white or khaki; winter, blue. Air Force—summer and winter (dress and duty), blue. Marine—summer, khaki; winter, forest green; dress, blue. Metal officers' insignia are shown as follows: gold (gray), silver (white outline), and enamel (black and gray).



LIEUTENANT



CAP INSIGNIA

### SLEEVE INSIGNIA



FLEET ADMIRAL



ADMIRAL



VICE ADMIRAL



REAR ADMIRAL



CAPTAIN



COMMANDER



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER



LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE



LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE



ENSIGN

### COLLAR INSIGNIA



FLEET ADMIRAL



ADMIRAL



VICE ADMIRAL



REAR ADMIRAL



CAPTAIN



COMMANDER



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER



LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE



LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE



ENSIGN

### ENLISTED



PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS



MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS



PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS



PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS



SEAMAN



SEAMAN APPRENTICE



SEAMAN RECRUIT

SLEEVE INSIGNIA

## OFFICERS



CAPTAIN



CAP INSIGNIA



GENERAL



LIEUTENANT GENERAL



MAJOR GENERAL



BRIGADIER GENERAL



COLONEL



LIEUTENANT COLONEL



MAJOR



CAPTAIN



FIRST LIEUTENANT



SECOND LIEUTENANT



W-4 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICERS



W-3 WARRANT OFFICERS



W-2 WARRANT OFFICERS



W-1 WARRANT OFFICER

SHOULDER, SHIRT OR CAP INSIGNIA

### ENLISTED



STAFF SERGEANT



SERGEANT MAJOR



MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT



FIRST SERGEANT



MASTER SERGEANT



GUNNERY SERGEANT



STAFF SERGEANT



SERGEANT



CORPORAL



LANCE CORPORAL



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

SLEEVE CHEVRONS



## RANK INSIGNIA OF THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS



GENERAL



LIEUTENANT COLONEL



LIEUTENANT GENERAL



MAJOR



MAJOR GENERAL



CAPTAIN



BRIGADIER GENERAL



LIEUTENANT



COLONEL



SECOND LIEUTENANT

### WARRANT OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER



MASTER CORPORAL



MASTER WARRANT OFFICER



CORPORAL



WARRANT OFFICER



PRIVATE (CAREER STATUS)



SERGEANT



PRIVATE



Ranks are standardized within the Canadian forces, but Maritime Command personnel are known by former Navy ranks in naval surroundings. For example, a sailor with the official rank of "private" has a shipboard rank of "able seaman." Servicemen of the Canadian Armed Forces are issued a single style of basic uniform (left). The uniform worn by Canadian servicewomen is patterned somewhat after the men's garb. The wearer's service command—land, sea, or air—is marked by distinctive badges worn on the collar of the dark-green uniform. The cap badges may also differ.



Pin-on device

FIG. 626—Items of Navy Nurse Corps uniforms



# INSIGNIA OF BRANCH OR SPECIALTY—U. S. ARMED FORCES

## U. S. NAVY

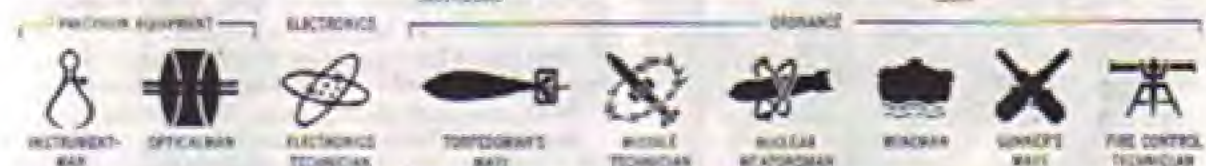
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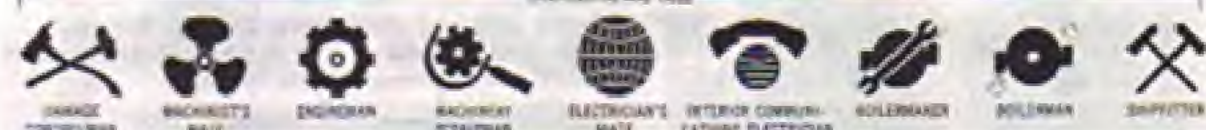
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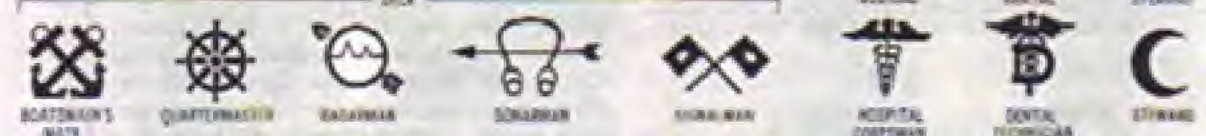
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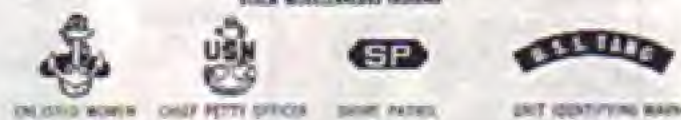
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### MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALTY MARKS



### OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INSIGNS



### DISTINGUISHING MARKS FOR SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS



The specialty marks of Navy enlisted men are part of the rating badge. Enlisted men may also wear a distinguishing sleeve

mark. The white Navy "E" indicates that the wearer's ship, squadron, or unit has won the Battle Efficiency Award.



# ARMY

# NAVY

# AIR FORCE

## OFFICER GRADES (cont.)

SECOND  
LIEUTENANT  
GOLD



ENSIGN



SECOND  
LIEUTENANT  
GOLD



WARRANT  
OFFICER



WARRANT  
OFFICER



WARRANT  
OFFICER



## ENLISTED GRADES non-commissioned officers

MASTER  
SERGEANT



MASTER  
SPECIALIST



CHIEF  
PETTY OFFICER



MASTER  
SERGEANT



SERGEANT  
1st CLASS



SPECIALIST  
1st CLASS



PETTY OFFICER  
1st CLASS



TECHNICAL  
SERGEANT



SERGEANT



SPECIALIST  
2nd CLASS



PETTY OFFICER  
2nd CLASS



STAFF  
SERGEANT



CORPORAL



SPECIALIST  
3rd CLASS



PETTY OFFICER  
3rd CLASS



AIRMAN  
1st CLASS



PRIVATE  
1st CLASS



SEAMAN



AIRMAN  
2nd CLASS



APPRENTICE  
SEAMAN



AIRMAN  
3rd CLASS



PRIVATE (NONE)

SEAMAN  
RECRUIT



AIRMAN  
BASIC (NONE)



## MARKS OF ENLISTED GRADES—U. S. ARMED FORCES

NAVY		NAVY AND COAST GUARD		AIR FORCE		MARINE	
							
SERGEANT MAJOR	SERGEANT MAJOR	CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	MASTER SERGEANT	MASTER SERGEANT	SERGEANT MAJOR	SERGEANT MAJOR
							
FIRST SERGEANT	FIRST SERGEANT	SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT	SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT	FIRST SERGEANT	FIRST SERGEANT
							
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS	SERGEANT FIRST CLASS	CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	MASTER SERGEANT	MASTER SERGEANT	SERGEANT FIRST CLASS	SERGEANT FIRST CLASS
							
SERGEANT	SERGEANT	PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS	PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS	TECHNICAL SERGEANT	TECHNICAL SERGEANT	SERGEANT	SERGEANT
							
SERGEANT	SERGEANT	PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS	PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS	SERGEANT	SERGEANT	SERGEANT	SERGEANT
							
CORPORAL	CORPORAL	PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS	PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS	AIRMAN FIRST CLASS	AIRMAN FIRST CLASS	CORPORAL	CORPORAL
							
LANCE CORPORAL	LANCE CORPORAL	SEAMAN	SEAMAN	AIRMAN SECOND CLASS	AIRMAN SECOND CLASS	LANCE CORPORAL	LANCE CORPORAL
							
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	SEAMAN APPRENTICE	SEAMAN APPRENTICE	AIRMAN THIRD CLASS	AIRMAN THIRD CLASS	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
							
PRIVATE	PRIVATE	SEAMAN RECRUIT	SEAMAN RECRUIT	AIRMAN	AIRMAN	PRIVATE	PRIVATE

The specialist marks of Army enlisted men denote personnel with as much command responsibility as distinguished from non-

commissioned officers who command troops. All United States military marks of enlisted grades are worn on sleeves.



# INSIGNIA OF BRANCH OR SPECIALTY—U. S. ARMED FORCES

## U. S. ARMY

### INSIGNIA OF BRANCH



### COMBAT ARMS



### TECHNICAL SERVICES



### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

### SPECIAL STAFF



### OTHER ARMY INSIGNIA AND BADGES



\* The branch "Dental" is not shown on the insignia of the Medical Corps and Medical Specialist Corps.

## U. S. AIR FORCE

### AIR FORCE BADGES



### MISCELLANEOUS INSIGNIA



## U. S. NAVY

### COMMISSIONED OFFICER COLLAR INSIGNIA



### WARRANT OFFICER COLLAR INSIGNIA



Some other warrant officer collar insignia would be those used by commissioned officers.

Army insignia of branch are worn on the lapels. Air Force wings, page 328). Navy officer and warrant officer insignia shown on this page are worn on the collar of caps.



# INSIGNIA—UNITED STATES NAVY

## 1. OFFICERS

### *Insignia of Rank*



### *Insignia of Different Branches*

The insignia given below are placed above the stripes of the insignia of rank. Thus, a star set above the stripes indicates a line officer.



The following badges are worn over the left breast pocket.



## 2. ENLISTED MEN

### *Insignia of Rank and Service*





# INSIGNIA—U. S. NAVY (continued)

## Specialty Marks

The following marks are set between the chevrons and the eagle on the insignia of rank of petty officers. Seamen (first and second class and apprentices) do not wear specialty marks.



## Distinguishing Marks

These marks, which indicate special abilities, are worn on the sleeve, generally midway between the shoulder and the elbow. They are worn on the left sleeve in the case of the deck force; on the right sleeve, in the case of mechanics and engineers known as the "black gang."





# INSIGNIA—U. S. MARINES

## *Insignia of Rank and Service*



## *Insignia of Different Branches*





**Abstract**

## AIR FORCE



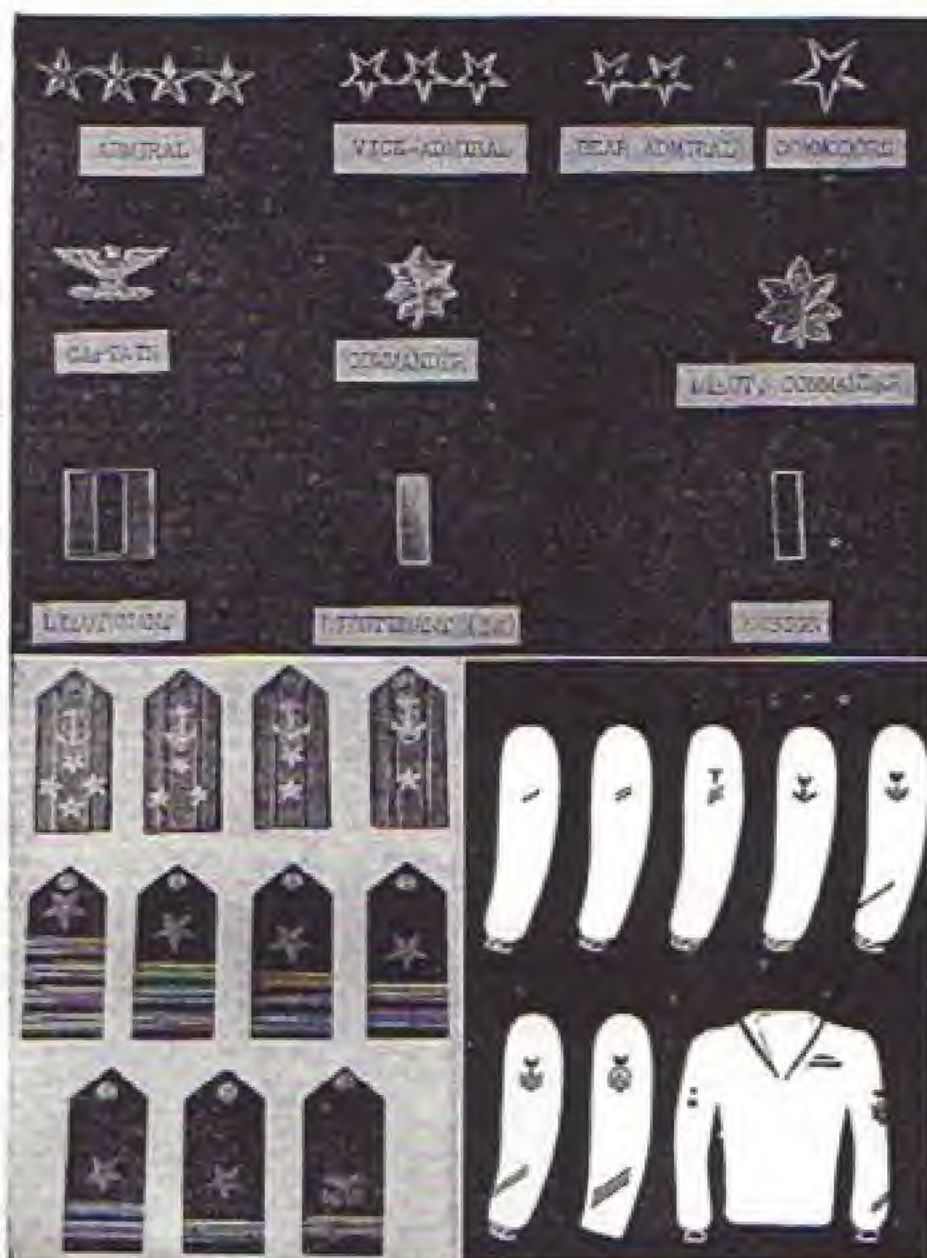
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INSIGNIA



INSIGNIA OF THE U.S. NAVY. Top: Pin-on miniature rank devices for officers. Bottom, left: Officers' epaulettes. Top row, left to right, admiral, vice admiral, rear admiral, commodore; middle row, captain, commander, lieutenant commander, lieutenant; bottom row, lieutenant (j.g.), ensign, chief warrant officer. Bottom, right: Rating marks and specialty badges for enlisted men. Top row, seaman recruit, seaman apprentice, seaman, petty officer 3rd class, petty officer 2nd class; bottom row, petty officer 1st class, chief petty officer, front of blouse. Each forearm stripe shows 4 years of service.



# UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA OF THE U.S. NAVY

## OFFICERS' UNIFORMS



## BREAST INSIGNIA

The emblems are worn by officers and enlisted men on the left breasts of their uniforms to indicate specialization. Emblems marked with an asterisk may be worn only by an officer.



## OFFICERS' RANK INSIGNIA

### Line Officers



## OFFICERS' SPECIAL DUTY DEVICES





# MARKS OF OFFICERS' RANKS—U. S. ARMED FORCES

## COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

ARMY AND AIR FORCE



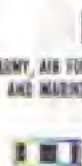
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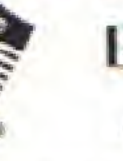
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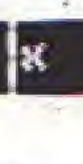
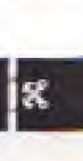
ARMY AND AIR FORCE



NAVY



NAVY



## WARRANT OFFICERS

ARMY, AIR FORCE,  
AND NAVY



Warrant officers wear the same uniform as commissioned officers of the same grade.

## COAST GUARD



Naval officers also wear metal insignia (like those worn by Army officers of the equivalent grade) on collars of summer

white uniforms. Rank marks of Coast Guard officers bear a shield in place of the Navy star.



OFFICERS' SERVICE INSIGNIA  
SPECIAL COMPS DEVICES



ENSEN



MEDICAL



SUPPLY



CHAPLAIN



JEWISH



CIVIL ENGINEER



DENTAL



MEDICAL SERVICE



BAND



NURSE



BOATSWAIN OR  
OPERATIONS



SURFACE  
ORDNANCE



MINES WARFARE



SHIP'S CLERK



ELECTRONICS



MACHINIST



SHIP REPAIR



ELECTRICIAN



AVIATION ORDNANCE



AVIATION ELECTRONICS



PHOTOGRAPHER



HOSPITAL



COMMUNICATIONS



AVIATION OPERATIONS



AEROGRAPHER

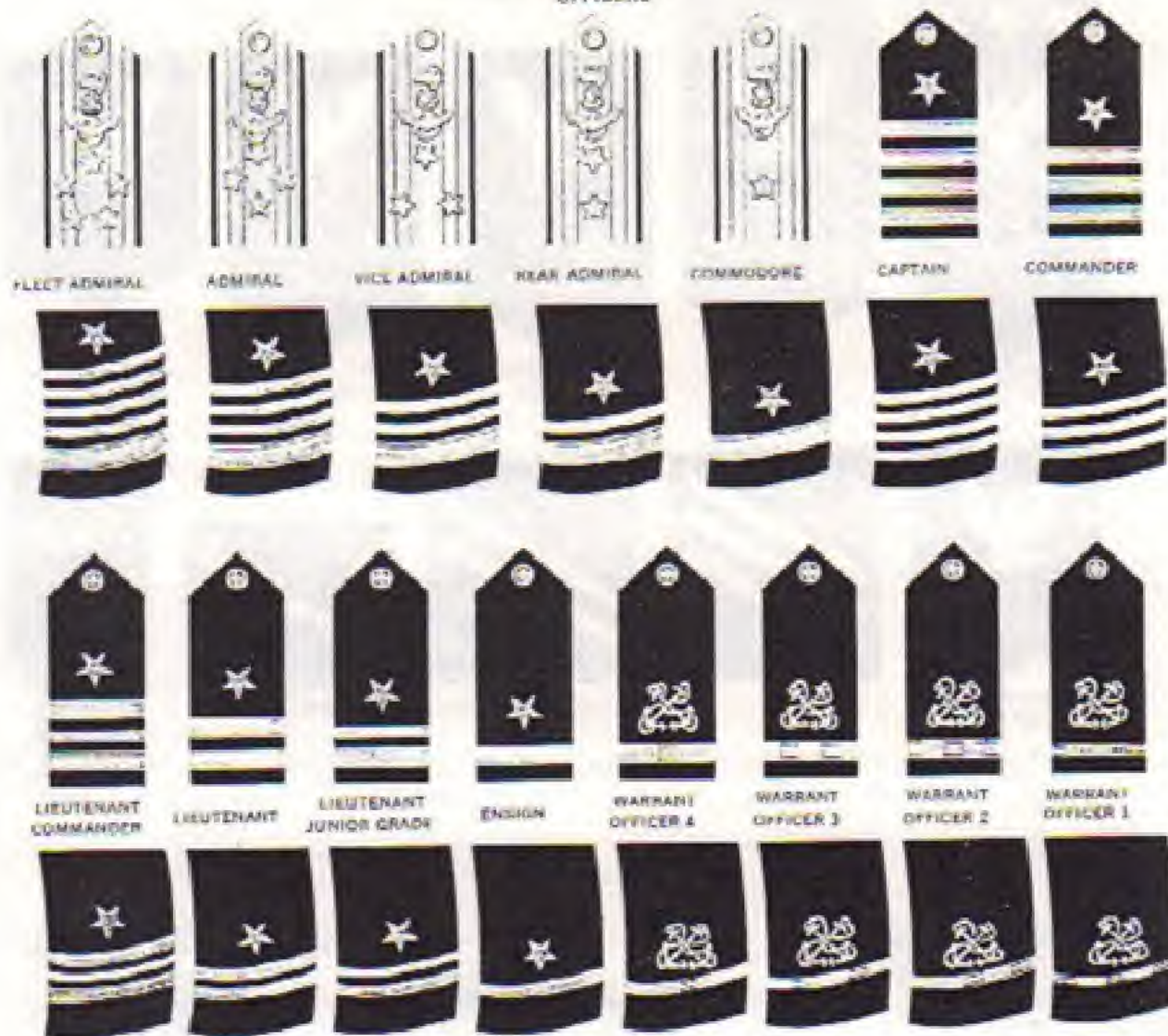


AVIATION MAINTENANCE



# U.S. NAVY INSIGNIA

## SHOULDER AND SLEEVE INSIGNIA OFFICERS



## COLLAR INSIGNIA OFFICERS





## U.S. NAVY INSIGNIA

SLEEVE INSIGNIA  
ENLISTED MENMASTER CHIEF  
PETTY OFFICERSENIOR CHIEF  
PETTY OFFICERCHIEF PETTY  
OFFICERPETTY OFFICER  
FIRST CLASSPETTY OFFICER  
SECOND CLASSPETTY OFFICER  
THIRD CLASS

SEAMAN



SEAMAN SECOND CLASS



SEAMAN RECRUIT

SERVICE BAR  
FOUR YEARS  
OF SERVICE

## BIBBAST INSIGNIA



AVIATOR



FLIGHT SURGEON



AVIATION OBSERVER



FLIGHT NURSE



AIRCREWMAN



PARACHUTIST



COMBAT AIRCREWMAN



SUBMARINE MEDICAL

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT  
IDENTIFICATION BADGE

SUBMARINE COMBAT PATROL



SUBMARINE

SUBMARINE  
ENGINEERING DUTYNAVAL RESERVE  
MERCHANT MARINE



# Insignia of the U.S. NAVY

## Commissioned Officers



## Enlisted Personnel



## Warrant Officers





# ENLISTED MEN



PRIVATE  
FIRST CLASS



LANCE CORPORAL



CORPORAL



SERGEANT



STAFF SERGEANT



GUNNERY SERGEANT



MASTER SERGEANT



FIRST SERGEANT



MASTER GUNNERY  
SERGEANT



SERGEANT MAJOR

# OFFICERS



SECOND LIEUTENANT



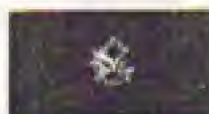
FIRST LIEUTENANT



CAPTAIN



MAJOR



LIEUTENANT COLONEL



COLONEL



BRIGADIER GENERAL



MAJOR GENERAL



LIEUTENANT GENERAL



GENERAL

# WARRANT OFFICERS



WARRANT  
OFFICER W-1



CHIEF WARRANT  
OFFICER W-2



CHIEF WARRANT  
OFFICER W-3



CHIEF WARRANT  
OFFICER W-4

# CAP INSIGNIA



ENLISTED MEN



OFFICERS



# RANK INSIGNIA OF THE

## ENLISTED MEN

## WARRANT

### AIR FORCE

E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	E-10	W-1	W-2
AIRMAN	AIRMAN THIRD CLASS	AIRMAN SECOND CLASS	AIRMAN FIRST CLASS	STAFF SERGEANT	TECHNICAL SERGEANT	MASTER SERGEANT	SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT	CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT	CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR FORCE	GOLD SKY BLUE WARRANT OFFICER W-1	GOLD SKY BLUE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (OFFICER W-2)

### ARMY

E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	E-10	W-1	W-2
PRIVATE	PRIVATE	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	CORPORAL	SERGEANT	STAFF SERGEANT	SP5C1ANT FIRST CLASS	FIRST SERGEANT	SERGEANT MAJOR	SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY	GOLD BROWN WARRANT OFFICER W-1	GOLD BROWN CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER W-2
			SPECIALIST 4	SPECIALIST 3	SPECIALIST 2	SPECIALIST 1	MASTER SERGEANT	COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR			

### MARINE CORPS

E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	E-10	W-1	W-2
PRIVATE	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	PRIVATE CORPORAL	CORPORAL	SERGEANT	STAFF SERGEANT	GUNNERY SERGEANT	FIRST SERGEANT	SERGEANT MAJOR	SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS	GOLD SCARLET WARRANT OFFICER W-1	GOLD SCARLET CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER W-2
						MASTER SERGEANT		MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT			

### NAVY AND COAST GUARD\*

E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7	E-8	E-9	E-10	W-1	W-2
SEAMAN RECRUIT	SEAMAN APPRENTICE	SEAMAN	PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS	PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS	PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS	CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER	MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY	GOLD BLUE WARRANT OFFICER W-1	GOLD BLUE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER W-2

\* Some ranks of Coast Guard officers bear a shield in place of the floppy star.  
† Only one person in each branch of the service holds this rank.



# ENLISTED MEN'S UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA



## RATING BADGES

### PETTY OFFICERS



Service stripes  
Chief Petty Officer's winter uniform

### LOWER 3 PAY GRADES



Enlisted man's summer (white) and winter (blue) uniforms

Each service stripe indicates four years of service

## GENERAL SERVICE RATING MARKS

Generally worn above the rating mark on the left sleeve and below the rating mark on the right sleeve.



## MARKS FOR SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

These marks indicate special qualifications and are worn on the right sleeve.

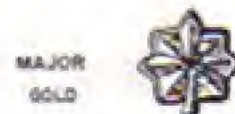
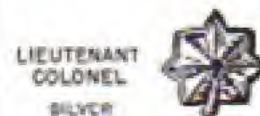
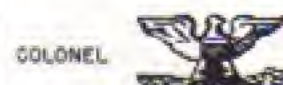
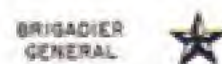
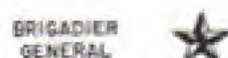
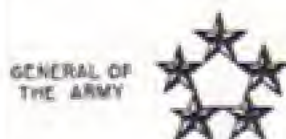




# ARMY

# NAVY OFFICER GRADES

# AIR FORCE





### SPECIAL SKILL BADGES



SUBMARINE



AVIATOR



FLIGHT SURGEON



COMBAT AIRCREW

### WARRANT OFFICERS' SPECIALTY INSIGNIA



AVIATION  
TECHNICIAN



CIVIL  
ENGINEER



TORPEDOMAN



MACHINIST



PHOTOGRAPHER



AVIATION  
ORDNANCE  
TECHNICIAN



AEROGRAPHER

### SOME ENLISTED SPECIALTY MARKS



ENGINE MAN



SIGNALMAN



GUNNER'S  
MATE



BOATSWAIN'S  
MATE



MACHINIST'S  
MATE



ELECTRICIAN'S  
MATE



STOREKEEPER



AEROGRAPHER'S  
MATE



COMMISSARY  
MAN



ELECTRONICS  
TECHNICIAN



SONARMAN



STEWARD

### CAP INSIGNIA



CHIEF PETTY  
OFFICERS



OFFICERS

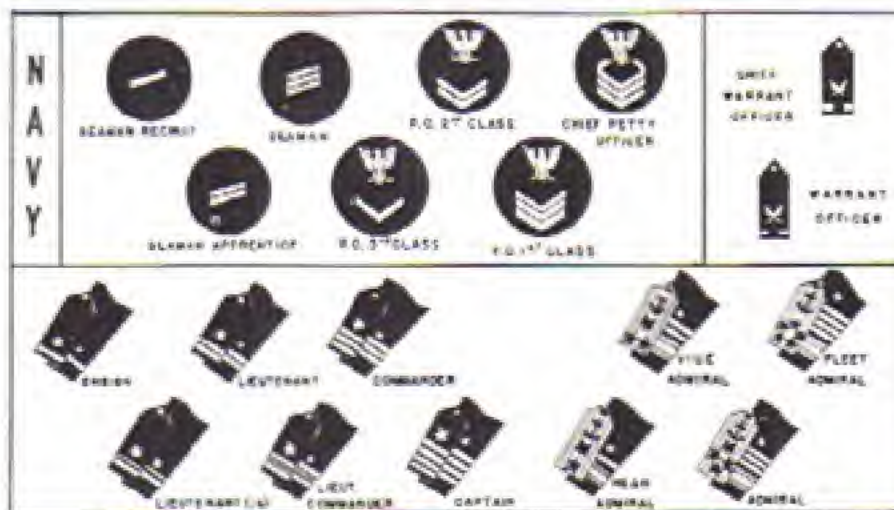




# SPACE-AGE INSIGNIA OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

At left is the Air Force astronaut wings insignia. It is worn on the left breast of the space pilot's uniform. The naval astronaut wings, right, are worn in a similar position on the uniform by Navy, as well as Marine, astronauts.

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## OFFICERS' AND ENLISTED MEN'S GRADE INSIGNIA

### GENERAL OFFICERS



General



Lieutenant General



Major General



Brigadier General

### FIELD GRADE OFFICERS



Colonel



Lieutenant Colonel



Major

### COMPANY GRADE OFFICERS



Captain



First Lieutenant



Second Lieutenant

### ENLISTED MEN



Master Gunnery Sergeant



Sergeant Major



Master Sergeant



First Sergeant

### WARRANT OFFICERS



Warrant Officer



(Grade)



Chief Warrant Officers



Private First Class



Lance Corporal



Corporal



Sergeant



Staff Sergeant



Gunnery Sergeant



Thirty-six (36) pages of insignia from two (2) dozen (22) sets of encyclopedias grace this special issue, but, with YOUR help we could this encyclopedic special edition. Think of all the encyclopedias out there that date before WWI, during WWI, in WWII, and afterwards that did "patriotic" sections on military and naval insignia??? Please send us your illustrated reference matter to include in the Grampa Book. [REDACTED] Signed.

## Insignia of the U.S. NAVY

### Commissioned Officers' Line and Corps Insignia

(Worn on lapel and shoulder)



### Breast Insignia

(Worn on left breast for officers and enlisted men)

Indicates branch of service



### Warrant Officers' Line and Corps Insignia

(Worn on collar)



### Enlisted Men's Distinguishing Marks

(Worn on right sleeve)

Indicates special skills

